

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 44**

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**Subject:** Authorize award and execution of a contract through the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE (BUYBOARD) with PHILPOTT MOTORS, LTD, Nederland, TX for the purchase of four bio-diesel powered platform trucks in an amount not to exceed \$194,362.56.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Ron Mazzarella, Fleet Buyer/974-2837

**Purchasing Language:** Cooperative purchase.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract is for the purchase of two new and two replacement platform trucks that will be assigned to the Street & Bridge Division of the Public Works Department. The new trucks will support the newly formed Traffic Calming program. The traffic calming construction team will be installing street humps, traffic circles, and chicanes on Austin roadways to force traffic to move at a slower rate of speed.

Austin Energy's Climate Protection team and Fleet have worked together to develop a vehicle purchasing process in our progress towards our citywide objective of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020. The development of the purchasing criteria incorporates emissions impact, available technologies on the market, physical demands on the vehicle, and service application. This criteria is applied to all vehicles submitted to Fleet for purchase.

All of these vehicles are powered by bio diesel fuel.

The vehicles in this RCA have been recommended for purchase utilizing a process that involves the Fleet Officer, affected Department Directors and Assistant City Managers (ACMs). ACM approval is required for all new additions to the City's fleet prior to any requests being made to the Purchasing Office.

Departments review the list of vehicles determined eligible for replacement by Fleet Services based on mileage, hours of use, and maintenance costs. From that list, priority uses are determined within the departments, and the departments' proposed equipment is reviewed by the Fleet Service Center Manager to insure the specified vehicle is appropriate for the use.

Both of the replacement vehicles have met the Fleet Officer's eligibility criteria for replacement. The Fleet Service Center Managers have inspected each vehicle to be replaced, and determined that the mileage or hours of use of each vehicle proposed for replacement cannot be increased without risking a significant

increase in repair costs and loss of productivity due to down time. The two new vehicles were also sent to Fleet Services and forwarded to the appropriate ACM for approval.

Philpott Motors is under contract with BuyBoard to supply various types of vehicles statewide as a result of a competitive bidding process. Utilizing the BuyBoard contract provides for volume discount pricing as well as the earliest delivery of the equipment.